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SPAIN'S SECRET PROTOCOL

London, April 30.
Moscow radio said today that a signed draft of a secret Spanish-German-military protocol, dated 1943, has been discovered in the captured German Foreign Ministry archives.

The protocol draft together with telegrams exchanged by Joachim Von Ribbentrop and Hans Adolf Von Moltke, former German Ambassador to Spain, were found by a Red Army Reconnaissance Unit during the battle of Berlin, said the broadcast.

The documents show that Hitler's accomplice Franco not only in fact assisted Hitlerite Germany in the war against the Allies but on February 12, 1943, formulated a de jure military alliance with Hitler and undertook at an appropriate moment to come out against the Allied armies.

"It is clearly evident from these documents that, in fact, a military alliance between Hitlerite Germany and Franco Spain existed long before the signature of the secret military protocol which only juridically formulated this alliance," Moscow radio declared.

Negotiations between Hitler and Spanish General Munos Grande were conducted on February 13, 1942, said the broadcast, concerning the deliveries of German military material to Spain for use against the Allies.

Arms Promised

The telegrams quoted in the broadcast revealed that Hitler promised arms "not only in sufficient quantities, but of the highest quality" to Spain. In exchange, he asked assurances from Spain that she would resist "every attempt at penetration" by the Allies or possible landings at Tangiers, the Portuguese coast or the Spanish mainland.

A telegram from Ribbentrop to Moltke outlined these negotiations, said the broadcast, adding that Grande had presented Hitler's proposition to Franco. On February 9, 1943, Moltke sent Ribbentrop a copy of the secret protocol which was signed three days later, as shown by another telegram from the German Ambassador to his superior. —Associated Press.

ARRIVAL OF GOVERNOR Large Crowds Line Route From Kai Tak Talk Broadcast Over ZBW

Putsch

London, Apr. 30.
Moscow radio today reported that a Royalist putsch planned by a secret Hungarian youth organization had been frustrated by Budapest police.

The broadcast, heard by the Associated Press, quoted a Telex despatch as saying that 70 were arrested and literature and arms confiscated. —Associated Press.

FASCIST PARADES

Rome, Apr. 30.
While a nationwide search continues for the missing body of Mussolini the press reported fanatical followers twice managed publicly to commemorate the first anniversary of Il Duce's death.

In Rome a group of 300 youths interrupted a Mass in San Carlo church to sing the Fascist hymn, praising Mussolini, and later paraded through the centre of the city stoning it, reports said.

A Florence despatch reported a black Fascist flag appeared, flying from the Giotto bell tower in the Duomo Square.

At some places handbills appeared calling Fascism and attacking democracy and the present government.

Meanwhile, a press report declared that police investigators searching for Mussolini's body believed the remains had been reburied somewhere in the vicinity of Milan. It was probably done, the paper said, because the former grave was constantly defiled by passersby. —Associated Press.

"Hitler Technique" In Tel Aviv

Washington, April 30.
British authorities "are following the Hitler technique" in holding the entire city of Tel Aviv responsible for the killing of seven British soldiers, said Representative Celler, Democrat of New York, today.

Major-General Cassels, commander of the British 6th Airborne Division, said on the night of April 27 that he held "the whole community to blame for the wilful and brutal murder" of seven soldiers in a raid on the British military installation at Tel Aviv. —Curdow

After inspecting the Guard of Honour His Excellency drove to Government House in the com-

Major J. B. Kite, who is to assume the duties of Private Secretary.

His Excellency then proceeded to inspect a Guard of Honour drawn from 1331 Wing of the R.A.F. Regiment, parading under the command of Lt. A. H. S. Hicks.

Wing-Commander G. A. Miller, D.P.M., R.A.F. Police, who escorted the Governor to the Peninsula Hotel, was introduced to His Excellency just before he stepped into the waiting car by Vice-Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt.

His Excellency then drove to the Peninsula Hotel, the car carrying the official party being escorted by a detachment of the R.A.F. Police.

At Queen's Pier later in the afternoon, His Excellency was met by Major-General F. W. Festing, G.O.C., and by Rear-Admiral J. H. Edelsten, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet.

Royal Salute

After chatting for a while, His Excellency walked to the end of the pier where he was given the Royal Salute by the Guard of Honour, drawn from Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Commandos and Jaipur Guards. The National Anthem was played by the band of the Jaipur Guards.

After inspecting the Guard of Honour His Excellency drove to Government House in the com-

RADIO SEAC

Today marks a new era in the entertainment of Servicemen in SEAC with the commencement of broadcasting from Radio SEAC, Ceylon, on a powerful transmitter.

Of a strength of 100 Kw, Radio SEAC is designed to cover India and the Far East, and will be received in Hong Kong in good strength.

The "China Mail" as from today will publish the daily Radio SEAC programme on the back page.

pany of Vice-Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt.

Governor's Broadcast

Broadcasting over ZBW last night, Sir Mark Young said:

"Today—the day of my return to Hong Kong after so long an absence—is for me a day of many memories. I want to say a very few words to you this evening about some of those memories. Tomorrow and in the time to follow, we shall be looking forward hopefully and purposefully to the future. Tonight let us for a few moments look back."

"It is natural and right that our first thoughts should be of those who fell in the defence of Hong Kong four and a half years ago and of those who since that time have given their lives in the service of their country while prisoners in the hand of the enemy. And it is natural and right that my first words should be said in remembrance of them and in their honour. The cause for which their lives were given has at length prevailed, and it is our part, while we enjoy the freedom and the fruits of victory, to remember with pride and with devotion of those who shared in

"Cassels takes a page out of Hitler's book when he says the people of Tel Aviv must come forward with sufficient evidence to lead to the arrest of the criminals. This is a sorry performance on the part of the British occupants of Palestine on the eve of the publication of the report on the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine." —Associated Press.

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Empire Talks On Mandates

London, April 30.

The British Commonwealth Premiers today discussed the question of mandates.

The South African Premier, Field Marshal Jan Smuts, told the conference that South Africa cannot accept the conditions of United Nations Trusteeship for mandated territory of South-west Africa.

Twice in a quarter of a century, the people of the Union had been menaced from South-west Africa through political eruptions in Europe, he said.

United Nations trusteeship might permit unlimited and undesirable immigration, which would swamp the indigenous population, resulting in an inevitable threat to the Union's own economic and political stability.

The future peace of South Africa could be safeguarded by continued administration of South-west Africa from the Union's central authority, and the territory's own parliament had already expressed such wish.

Though appreciating Field Marshal Smuts' views, Britain, Australia and New Zealand are still prepared to go ahead with their own offers to the United Nations General Assembly to hand over their respective mandated territories to United Nations trusteeship on the condition that they themselves retain administrative authority.

Cairo, Apr. 30.
Lord Stansgate, Secretary of State for Air, who was accompanied by Sir Ronald Campbell, British Ambassador to Egypt, met the Egyptian Prime Minister today. The meeting lasted nearly one and half hours. —Reuters.

MacArthur Murder Plot Uncovered

TOKYO, APRIL 30.

A PLOT TO "ASSASSINATE" GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR ON MAY DAY WAS DISCLOSED BY ALLIED HEADQUARTERS HERE TODAY. THE LEADER OF THE PLOT AS IS IDENTIFIED HIDEO TOKAYAMA, A FORMER KEMPEITAI MAN IN KOREA AND A KAMIKAZE PILOT.

COLONEL H. L. T. CRESWELL, CHIEF OF CIVILIAN INTELLIGENCE, SAID THAT THE INFORMANT WHO DISCLOSED THE PLOT TO HEADQUARTERS FIVE DAYS AGO DID NOT KNOW WHAT MEANS ARE TO BE USED TO ATTEMPT TO CARRY OUT THE PLOT. HE SAID THAT THE INFORMANT ASSERTED THAT FIVE OR SIX PERSONS ARE INVOLVED IN THE PLOT OF ASSASSINATION.

Colonel Creswell disclosed that no arrests have been made so far, but said that he thought publicity in the Japanese Press would aid in the apprehension of Tokayama and the others involved.

A huge labour celebration has been scheduled for Tokyo and other sections of Japan on May Day in observance of the day for the first time in 11 years. Just a scant block from General MacArthur's Headquarters 300,000 persons are scheduled to gather in front of the Imperial Palace gates for speeches and parades through the city.

No extra guards are visible around the General's Headquarters. The announcement from Headquarters stated that "SCAF has again refused to allow any unusual precautions to be taken for his life."

In revealing the incident, the SCAF announcement stated "A plot has been uncovered to assassinate the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in the Pacific, as an incident to the Communist parade and mass meeting scheduled for May 1. The leader of the plot is Hideo Tokayama, who has not yet been apprehended. Other known plotters are still at large but are being rounded up."

Old-Line Capitalists

Kyuchi Tokuda, general secretary of the Japanese Communist Party, blamed the reported assassination plot on "militarists and old-line capitalists," who are seeking to rise again in Japan.

He said the plot is "one that is calculated to suppress" the Communist and other popular movements. The Communist Party have issued strict orders forbidding "any action which would cause violence or confusion."

"We have absolutely no reason to do away with General MacArthur," Tokuda stated.

Hand Grenades

TOKYO, APRIL 30.
General MacArthur's Headquarters revealed today that Tokayama has planned to carry out the assassination with a combination of pistols and hand grenades. By some means he had accumulated 140,000 yen.

Until a trusteeship agreement has been made, Palestine should be administered according to the mandate which declares that the "administration of Palestine, while ensuring the rights and position of other sections of the population are not prejudiced, shall facilitate Jewish immigration under suitable conditions."

Urging the Jewish Agency immediately to resume active cooperation in the suppression of terrorist and illegal immigration, the Committee expresses the hope that the United States will participate vigorously and generously with Britain in assisting the movement of the number of immigrants recommended. These should be the victims of the Nazi and Fascist persecution. —Reuters.

REDS LEAVING

TEHERAN, APR. 30.
Red Army troops today "formally" left the capital of Azerbaijan, the Tashkent Radio announced tonight. The Soviet General Glinsky, Commanding Officer, said in a farewell message: "After four years we are leaving the country."

"In these years we have been good friends. We came to your country with your agreement to protect you from war. War is over and we are leaving and we bid you good luck and happy days in peace." —Reuters.

THE WEATHER

Today's forecast: Cloudy, light south-easterly winds. Yesterday's temperature: Maximum 77 deg. at 1 p.m. Minimum 77 deg. at 7 a.m. Sunshine: 8½ hours. Maximum Humidity: 91 per cent at 8 a.m.

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TODAY IN EUROPE II

By RANDOLPH CHURCHILL

A New Start

It is with few illusions that the Colony to-day witnesses the ceremonies marking the return to civil government. As Mr. R. D. Gillespie said, in accepting the Chamber of Commerce nomination to the Legislative Council, the next two or three years are not going to be easy. Rehabilitation, in certain outward and visible forms, has progressed perhaps beyond the most optimistic expectations, but the weightier responsibilities still lie ahead, and the permanent foundations of a sound social, economic and political structure remain to be laid. If, however, it represents an immense task, it carries with it, at the same time, an immense opportunity. The early statements of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Mark Young, will, therefore, be studied with close interest. It is hoped that he will define his aims precisely and define them early. Nothing can rob the restoration of a deep historical significance, which gains emphasis from the return of Sir Mark Young to take over the guiding reins of British civil administration in Hong Kong once again. But His Excellency will take them up at a point differing from that at which the Fates decreed they should be temporarily laid down. Fifty-two months have elapsed and much has happened. Profound changes have taken place, some of them of a nature to compel sombre thought. They present problems which are not to be shirked. Some, if not less challenging in their way, are of a sounder quality, and require to be met with understanding and encouragement. Men who thought themselves too busy in pre-war days to concern their minds with local affairs have since had ample time to indulge in introspection and retrospection. They will look beyond the high historic content and the pomp and splendour of to-day's ceremonies, seeking for a deeper and truer keynote, a Phoenix arising from the ashes of a dead past, embarking on a new adventure, making a fresh start. At the moment, we are living in a sort of shadow-zone between peace and war, a critical period in the reorganisation of Hong Kong. No-one expects the new administration which comes to life this morning to restore the clear light of day within five minutes. What is expected is the early formulation of a positive policy, to be guided by men who know where they are going and what they are trying to achieve. The Colony is sufficiently acquainted with the personality of the Governor to know that whatever His Excellency undertakes will be pursued with forceful energy and sleepless initiative. It is, however, also aware, on information from the Colonial Office concerning some of the appointments to the higher posts in the Civil Service, that more may be required. There is an undercurrent of anxiety lest the pernicious anachronies which inflicted the Civil Service before the war has not been shaken off. Safety first, and pandering to privilege and vested interests—it is done. And we hope and believe that H.E. Sir Mark Young brings with him a mandate to complete its execution. For only an administration which gives its more progressive officials the fullest encouragement and support can make it possible to win through in a supremely difficult task.

WEATHER SHIPS

Montreal, Apr. 30.

The proposal that 13 weather ships be maintained in the North Atlantic for meteorological observations, air traffic control and search and rescue work was approved today by the Inter-Confederation of the Provincial International Civil Aviation Organization. Deuter.

DOWN UNDER

AN ENGLISHMAN LOOKS AT AUSTRALIA

Sydney, Apr. 16th 1946.

Police at metropolitan stations were kept busy until a late hour handling drunks on B-day. A British sailor taken to Central attempted to assault a marine provost. Twice he swung blows at the provost and missed. "I can't understand that: I thought I hit him," the sailor said. He was then told that the provost was Corporal Jim Brunt, who recently fought Patrick and Burns. One barmaid after she had called "Beer's off" at 5.45 p.m. relaxed sufficiently to push back a loose strand of hair with a beer-soused cuff and sigh: "They call it B-day, do they? So do I. But for mine it doesn't stand for beer." The breaking of the drought was un-dramatic, perhaps because of the inclement beer-swilling weather, and during the luncheon session there were several authenticated instances of barmaids using quaint phrases of A.D. 1939 inviting clients to "Another round, gentlemen?" It was, however, the last before the storm. By 5 o'clock grace had ended. Customers had to use all the tricks of catch-as-catch-can wrestling to get served.

Two major faults are seen in the liquor Amendment Bill—the bill makes no attempt to deal with the tied hotel system and monopolies. Secondly, if the closing hour for hotels is fixed by referendum at 6 p.m., all licensed clubs would have to close at the same time. Main provisions of the bill are: (1) A referendum to decide whether hotels should close at 6 p.m., 6.30 p.m. or 10 p.m. (2) Sale of light wines and beer with meals until 8.30 p.m. in approved restaurants. (3) Power for local authorities to establish community hotels. (4) Creation of more than 300 new club licences. (5) Removal of present restrictions on the transfer of hotels from one place to another. (6) Canteens at workers' construction camps.

Twenty-eight brides of U.S. Servicemen failed to sail in the transport "David C Shanks" when it left for America. Twenty-six cancelled during the week and two walked off the ship one hour before she sailed. Two hours after one of the pair enquired regarding an air passage. There were 430 wives and children on the transport.

Sydney women are finding it difficult to replenish their winter wardrobes because many clothes are in short supply. There are plenty of suits and top-coats, but shoes, stockings and frocks are hard to buy. Individuality and glamour in winter dressing are limited by style and material. Here are some prices: Suits are priced to £25 (H.K.\$300) but the average price is about £9. A single silver fox at £25. A rabbit coat at £18. Corduroy velvet suits at 18 guineas. Imported American satin and lastex corsets at £2/3. Quilted blue and pink satin dressing gowns at £12. Beach girls are unable to buy evening frocks for their ball and are having to make their own.

A discharged A.I.F. man was fined £1 for wearing military clothing with insignia when not a member of the defence forces. The order authorising the opening of two theatres in Sydney on Sundays for the entertainment of troops during the war has been repealed. The Commonwealth Government has approved the design for a victory medal for some 1,100,000 school children to wear on or about June 6. A Senator spoke for 10 minutes on the wrong bill in the House of Representatives. Australian-made nylon stockings will not be available for some considerable time. Royal Navy personnel have donated well over £25,000 to the Food for Britain Fund. H.M.S. Nabstock contributed £1,100. H.M.S. Implacable £650 and H.M.S. Glory £200.

It is customary for the majority of commentators on Greek affairs to write as if it were a foregone conclusion that the majority of the Greek people are firmly opposed to a restoration of the monarchy. It is also customary—and I am sorry to see Edgar Nourse describing so low—to describe King George as "reactionary" and even "Fascist-minded."

Nothing could be further from the truth. And considering the heroism with which the King led his people in defending Greece against the onslaught of two Fascist dictators, it is, to say the least, rather callous to circulate such nonsensical misrepresentations.

All who know King George testify that he is a man of extremely liberal and democratic outlook. It is true that, before the war, Greece was governed by a military dictatorship. But that is not the same as Fascism. Nor was it the fault of the King.

Greece was the cradle of political liberty, and all lovers of democracy would like to see democratic institutions thriving there today. This hope is not, however, easy of fulfilment.

Under centuries of Turkish oppression, and misrule, the Greek people lost their classical ability to govern themselves. It has been well remarked that, when you have three modern Greek politicians, you have two prime ministers and one leader of the opposition. There are few people in the world today who are so gifted and civilized as the Greeks, but the capacity to govern themselves in an orderly way seems to be strangely lacking in their make-up.

Bold British military intervention not only saved Greek from terrible massacres, but also saved her from Communist totalitarianism. Ourathing space was thus won which has given an opportunity for passions to cool and for some structure of representative government to be built up. The restoration of a constitutional monarchy may well be the best method by which the liberties of the Greek people may be preserved and extended.

Complete donations in N.S.W. have reached £150,000, most of which has been spent on food... Resentment has been aroused among R.A.A.F. officers, with good war records, who have not received an Air Board letter sent to some officers expressing appreciation for their services. In one instance a young pilot received the letter but his father—a former group-captain with a splendid record in two wars—has been overlooked... A master mariner, who was awarded the O.B.E. for his courage in transporting dangerous cargo through enemy patrolled waters, has been retrenched because he is not a returned serviceman... Value of the rabbit industry to Australia has increased by at least 1,000 per cent. Since 1939. Biggest buyer in the U.S. ... A reduction of one penny a gallon in the price of petrol is announced. The price is 2/6d. a gallon which is 3/2d. lower than the Peak price in April 1943. The latest book to be banned is "The Chinese Room" by Vivian Connell, which has been on sale for four years. Amateur fishers have to pay 8d. a worm at Gosford. Just another black market price. Sandy Powell, English comedian, is to be seen at the Tivoli in Sydney next September or October. A columnist writes that Powell is about as funny as a wet Sunday... All Australian troops with the exception of the Indian Occupation Force and 4370 men to be retained.

By OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

ed as island garrisons will return by the end of the year. A returned soldier who made a special trip to England to bring back his bride reached Adelaide with four prize bulls and four heifers. His wife is leaving England tomorrow... Over 10,000 were unable to get a glimpse of the Beach Girls on display in a theatre at Bondi... The N.S.W. Government has approved a £223 million scheme for an electric underground train service to eastern, south-eastern and southern suburbs, beginning at the end of the year. Providing for 19 stations, completion is expected in seven years' time... A spider trapped and devoured a gold-fish in Leslie Park... A School of Pacific Affairs and Diplomatic Studies will be included in the Australian National University at Canberra when it is established. Principal function of the University will be to provide facilities for post-graduate study and research... Mr. A. R. Cutler, V.G.—winner in World War II, has been appointed Australian High Commissioner to New Zealand... Private Frank Partridge received from the Duke of Gloucester the V.C. he won at Boulogne on July 24 last year... It is reported that Australia has lost to America £1 million worth of commodities, especially flour, because of the cancellation of orders placed by the Netherlands East Indies with Australian exporters.

Sub-Lieut. (A) Geoffrey Ross-Dorner, R.N.V.R., of Bognor Regis, Sussex, caused a surprise the other day at Romano's when he announced his engagement to Patti Morgan of Darling Point. Patti is a well-known Sydney model and was a finalist in the recent Miss Australia contest. She will visit England in two years' time with her parents and the wedding will not take place until then... The beautiful three-tiered cake which was cut by Pay-Comdr. T. T. Theophilus, R.N., and his bride, the former Margaret Jefferey of West Australia, at their reception on board H.M.S. Adamant was made on board the ship in less than a week. Chief P. O. Cooke, Wright and King were responsible... Petty Officer

WALKED THERE

Calcutta, Apr. 30.

The round-table talks on the future of India, to which the Cabinet Mission has invited Congress and Moslem Party leaders, will probably take place in Simla. India's summer capital, it was reported here today. Following Congress acceptance, the Moslem leaders today formally accepted the British invitation. The Cabinet members, Congress and Moslem leaders will probably go to Simla in the middle of this week.

The British delegates had a two and a half hour's talk with Lord Wavell (Viceroy) today. The talks continued this afternoon—Reuter.

WALKED THERE

Calcutta, Apr. 30.

Six Indians recently arrived in Calcutta from Rangoon after trekking 600 miles on foot over the route followed by the Burma evacuees during the war. They said they could not get a sea passage, so they decided to walk—Reuter.

BY THE WAY

I hear that Charlie Suet's Society for General Purposes has suggested several amendments to the non-existent rules of the United Nations Charter.

Suec distinguishes between procedural disputes and substantial disputes, and again between substantial differences of opinion. In the event of a party to any of these being a party to any of the others, Suec would refer the matter under consideration to all the parties concerned, with the proviso that no action should be taken by any

party or parties, with or without the consent of the parties involved in the examination of the claims of the parties themselves to debate the dispute before acknowledging a substantial quarrel or difference of opinion with any other party or parties.

Out of The Lucky Bag.

Dear Sirs,

If, as is now being freely said, the world is to end on October 26, 1948, what are the chances of my getting a permit to build a mouse-trap in time for the great event? Both my wife and I read, whatever we can, but we don't know about this. So what? You and who else?

Yrs. truly,
A Regular Pair.

Here, There And Everywhere

(News items crowded out of other parts of the paper.)

Mrs. Flora Beninger, of Hopchance, claims to be the first woman to skate three miles on stilts. Her father was a plated-iron

Maintaining in hot argument that a salmon has no knuckles. Alfred Spotter, 34, left his bowler hat in a public library. The librarian recognised it as the initials inside the crown, and kept it.

Setting a small ladder against a horse two youths prodded to be climbing an hotel wall. They were seen by a neighbour, and the police were quickly on the scene.

Mr. William Eaves, of Stockport, claims to have planted his millionth cabbage. "It's lucky I didn't have to plant them all together," he commented shrilly yesterday when his friends presented him with a clothes-horse.

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Tomorrow will appear the first of a long, long series of articles on the new single-sensor, which works like a knife, and can be waterproofed for use in rivers or seas.

WORLD WAR I. AND WORLD WAR II. BUT AGAIN THE SAME CRY

And Still They Say 'Too Old At 40'

ing in civilian life.

When I raised these problems with an official of the Ministry of Labour he said that the Appointments Branch of the Ministry of Labour accepted no responsibility for any rejections on account of age.

He said that their function was purely to place suitable applicants in touch with employers who had notified them of vacancies.

The returning ex-officer or civilian made voluntary registration and there was voluntary notification by employers of any vacancies they might have.

Employers Fix Age Limits

"Employers are free to fix their own age limits," said the official. "It is true that most of the jobs go to younger men—the under 40s. That, however, is not our responsibility."

What Agency Is Trying To Do

Others strongly criticise the methods of the Appointments Branch of the Ministry of Labour, which was set up to help returning ex-officers and civilians find employment.

The "too-old-at-40" cry was heard after the first world war. Now, apparently, it is being taken up again.

What are the facts?

The Government agency for the placing of men in the better jobs

BY GRAHAM STANFORD

of industry and commerce is the Appointments Branch of the Ministry of Labour.

It deals with all men and women above the grades normally dealt with by the employment exchanges.

That means that any man above the grade of a general foreman in a factory or a supervisor in an office is entitled to the assistance of the Appointments Branch.

It has 13 branches in the various regions of England, and the headquarters are in a building in Tavistock-square, where about 2,000 men in search of work call every week.

Today 10,028 ex-officers are registered with the Appointments Branch as unemployed.

The average age of these men is difficult to assess, but a good proportion of them are tipping 40.

Analysis of 20 letters from ex-officers and civilians to *The Daily Mail* shows that 15 over-40 applicants cannot find work. Here are two specimens:

General manager (aged 44) has been on the Appointments Register in the North, Midlands, and the South for four years and is still awaiting concrete proof of their efforts to obtain men an appointment.

"All I can get is a 75s-a-week clerking job. There must be many individuals of similar age and experience who apparently are forced to waste their years through the inefficiency of the Appointments Branch personnel."

An ex-officer's wife says: "After the first visit of my husband to Tavistock-square, early last November, he summed up his chances as 'nil' and said the whole thing was bunk."

"Having filled up endless forms he has given up in disgust. At 47 a man is considered too old. The plums are for the 30's and under. Experience evidently doesn't count."

Since VE-Day the Appointments Branch has found posts for 25,000 qualified men and women. But at the moment 10,000 ex-officers alone are listed on the unemployed register, and I understand that the figures are increasing.

Length of time that applicants must wait for appointments with prospective employers varies from days to months.

Most successful are men in their late 20's and early 30's.

Retiring Age Is One Snag

In one week the Officers' Association Employment Bureau reported that 78 per cent of the jobs were limited to men under 30. Only two were open to men over 40.

In practically all cases of men over 40 employers admitted that the question of retiring age and superannuation inevitably entered into their calculations. Employers point out that many ex-officers in their early 40's are not prepared to take jobs at salaries considerably less than their Army earnings.

They allege that the majority of these men have an exaggerated idea of their earning capacity. In April, 1946, the British Embassy said that the Premier had agreed to increase the age of retirement from 60 to 65.

Many of them have also demanded increased domestic responsibilities during war years and quite naturally, some soldiers are for beyond what they were earn-

APPEAL TO POLES

London, Apr. 30.

The Polish Embassy said today that the Polish Government has issued a statement issued in Warsaw, again stressed Poland's right to return home as soon as possible.

The Embassy said the Polish Government did not want that Poland will close its doors to return for those who refuse.

Associated Press.

WARNING BY CHURCHILL

Britain Facing Extinction Danger

Socialist Home Policy Attacked

EDINBURGH, APRIL 30.
A SOLEMNLY WORDED WARNING OF THE "SINGULAR GRAVITY AND INSECURITY" OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE ON THE MORROW OF THEIR GREATEST VICTORY WAS CONVEYED BY BRITAIN'S WAR TIME LEADER, MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, TONIGHT AT A SCOTTISH UNIONIST RALLY.

"THERE NEVER WAS IN ALL HUMAN HISTORY A COMMUNITY SO NUMEROUS IN A POSITION AT ONCE SO MAGNIFICENT AND SO PRECARIOUS", HE SAID. "AS ARE WE IN THIS BRITISH ISLAND TONIGHT."

"The results of serious mistakes at this time would not be the misfortune of this class or that, or the humiliation of one party or another, but the dissipation of the means by which more than half our population live, ending in the abridgement of about one third to a half of our population and the final extinction of Britain as a centre of the widest, the most experienced and the most numerous of races and nations that has existed since the fall of the Ancient Roman empires."

"I have seen the time when we stood alone against the long-prepared embattled strength of Germany and Italy and with the menace of Japan hanging over our heads."

"We have lived together through those months when invasion seemed so near, or when the U-boat starvation laid its tales upon our lifelines across the ocean. I do not hesitate to say that I feel the same kind of anxiety now about our life and fortunes as I did in those dark but glorious days through which we made our way."

"Socialist Fads"

Mr. Churchill pledged the support of the Conservative Party to a "brave continuity of British foreign policy," adding: "We are of course at one with His Majesty's Government in their open and manly antagonism to international communism at home or abroad." But he then went on to deliver a bitter attack on the Socialist Party's domestic policy and

BOGUS CALL 4 DEAD

LONDON, Apr. 30.
Firemen, answering a bogus fire call in Kentish Town, London today, killed four young children and injured six other people. The fire engine skidded at a corner and crashed into a row of shops.

The dead children, whose ages range from four to ten, were playing outside the shop and were crushed to death.—Reuter.

even a million a year of the previous foreign exchange is not to be despised or cast away for a party fad. A million pounds a year will pay interest on 50 millions of the 1,000 millions which we are now hoping to borrow at a little under two per cent from the United States. What an example to set a nation of thrif and saving!"

Mr. Churchill then went on to denounce the "lush and lavish expenditure, resulting from tardy demobilisation and from the desire to hold and create vast hordes of officials of all kinds as a burden upon the general public."

Other denunciations he made were the failure to allow the production of consumer goods in sufficient quantities, which arose from the misuse or the waste of man-power in the maintenance of production and the restriction of it in the time of peace; the failure of the re-housing programme, both in repairs and in new building; the disturbance and enfeeblement of industry and enterprise through the launching of vague, ill-thought-out schemes of nationalisation and by the ceaseless outpouring of threats on all employers of a hour and on all forms of wealth, however honourably acquired and every form of private enterprise upon which even the Socialist ministers admit Britain must depend for many years to come.

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Arabs Firm Attitude On Tripoli

Cairo, Apr. 30.
The secretary-general of the Arab league, Abd al-Rahman Azzam Pasha, told a press conference today that the league rejects any British demands for military bases in Tripolitania.

Referring to the possibility of British demands, Azzam Pasha said such bases would be used for war, and the Arab countries, he declared, do not help wars.

In a published statement earlier, the secretary said the division of Libya into separate trusteeships or an attempt to direct the kind of Government the people will have, would be rejected unanimously by all Arabs. He added that the Libyan people must have free plebiscite under the direction of the United Nations and the Arab league.—Associated Press.

CZECH RAIDS IN GERMANY

Berlin, Apr. 30.
Lieut. Gen. Lucius Clay, commander of the American forces in Germany, has complained to the war department that Czechoslovak patrols were making armed raids into the American zone of Germany "under the pretext of seeking Sudeten Germans."

"Czechoslovak border patrols are firing indiscriminately across the international border, the Clay report added. — Associated Press

ment's housing policy, Mr. Churchill spoke of the "ill-deserved惩罚" to be imposed on the iron and steel industry through the government's nationalisation proposals.

He warned his audience that if the normal processes of enterprise production were disturbed by Utopian Socialist schemes, "we are on the road to financial bankruptcy and economic collapse."

The effect of this, he declared, would be the "final loss of our world position, by which alone we can keep ourselves alive."

—Reuter.

Bevin Drops In On The Cabinet

London, April 30.
The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, looked in at a Cabinet meeting before returning to Paris for this afternoon's session of the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers' Conference, it was officially learned in London this morning.

It is believed that Mr. Bevin attended the Cabinet meeting for two purposes:

- (1) To report on the progress and atmosphere of the Paris Conference so far;
- (2) To seek the latest guidance from the Cabinet on the still unsettled question of the Conference agenda, in particular on the question of the future of the Ruhr and the frontiers of Western Germany.

When Mr. Bevin went to Paris last Thursday, the position was that the Cabinet had left him a very considerable latitude in defining Britain's attitude to the French proposal to place questions of the Ruhr and the Saar on the agenda.

The Foreign Secretary doubts the desirability of deciding this question at the present talks. This is believed to spring from the fear of complicating the procedure by bringing in representatives of Belgium and Holland and other powers, which would be concerned, than from the conviction that the Ruhr problem ought to be discussed as part of the whole problem of Germany.—Reuter.

ARAB APPEAL

London, Apr. 30.
The Paris Radio reported tonight that the Arab League has presented a note to the Foreign Ministers Conference in Paris asking that no decision on the status of Libya be taken until a plebiscite had been held there under the joint supervision by the UNO and the Arab League.

The Radio stated that the Libyan people would resist any attempt at re-establishing any connexion between their country and Italy.—Reuter.

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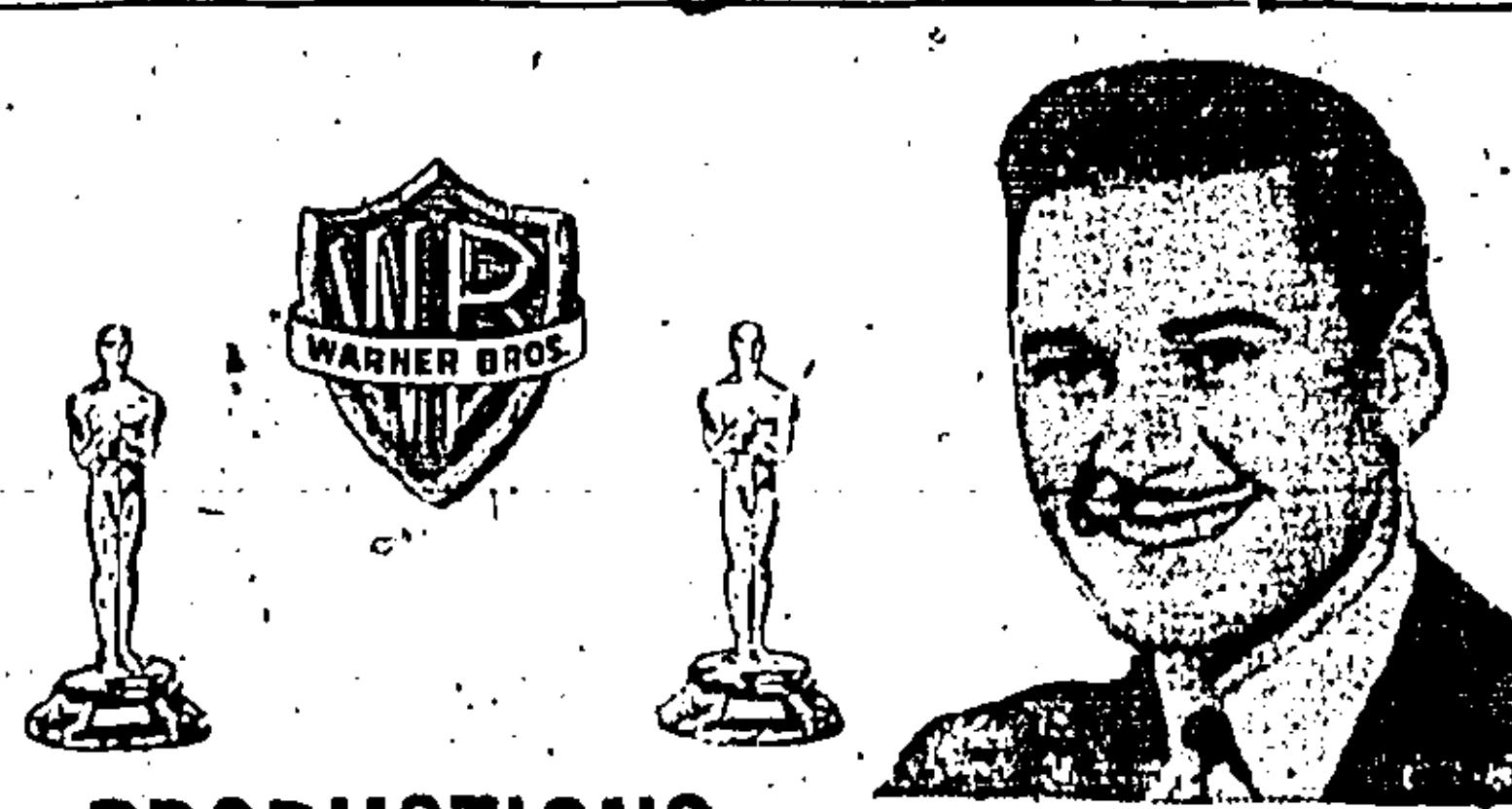


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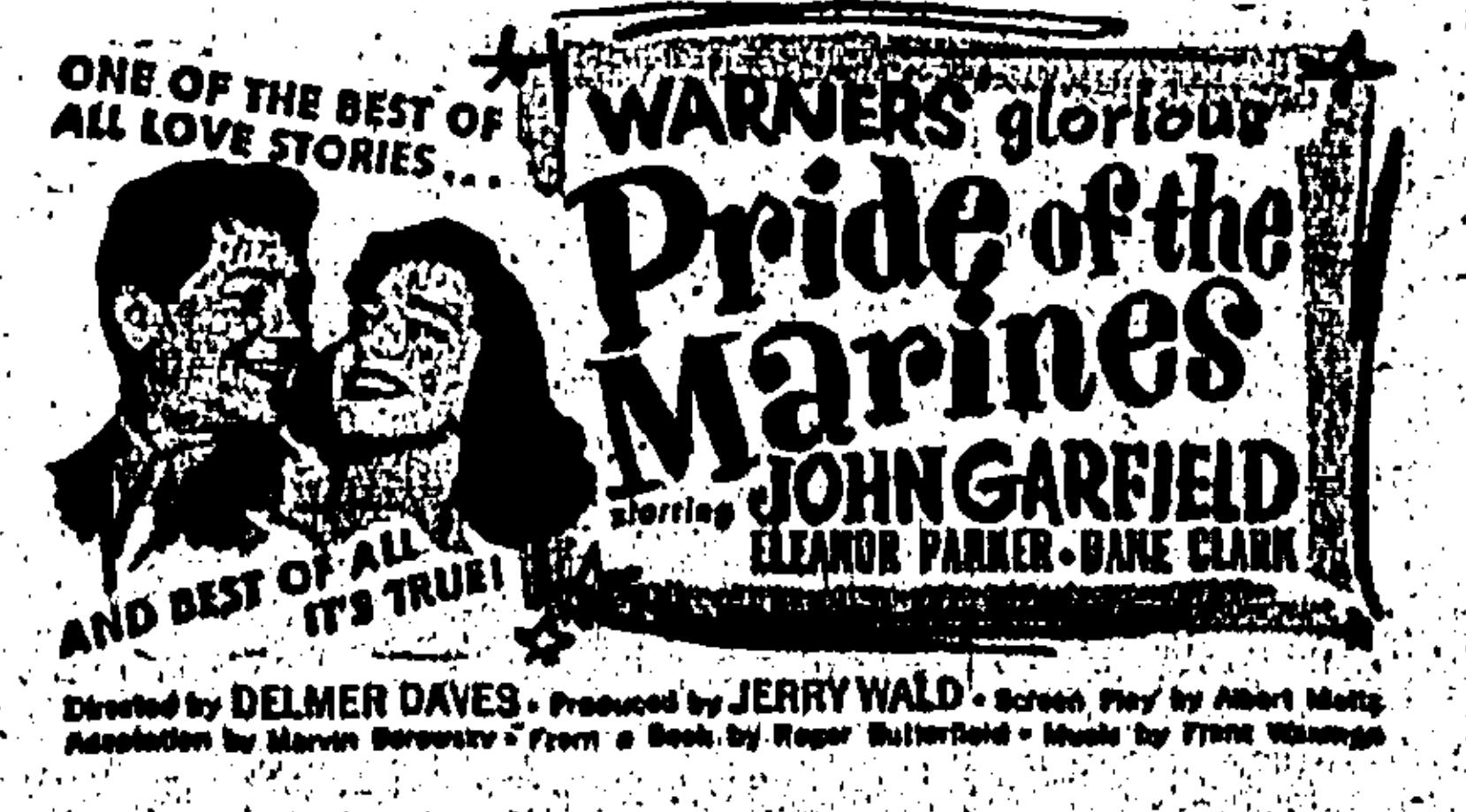


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HARCOURT CONGRATULATED

His Excellency Sir Cecil Harcourt, K.C.B., C.B.E., has received the following telegram from the Secretary of State for Colonies:

"On the occasion of the termination of Military Administration in Hong Kong I send you my warmest congratulations on the notable progress that has been made in rehabilitating the Colony. The return to normal conditions is being achieved more quickly than was thought possible and I recognize that this is largely due to your wise and skilful handling of the many and difficult problems with which inevitably you have been faced. The foundation of good with which you have laid both in Hong Kong and in South China has done much to restore British prestige and will be a major contribution in achieving that era of peace and prosperity to which we all look."

"I send you my most sincere thanks."

Threatening Letters

Threatening letters demanding \$100 were received by shop-masters in Kowloon last week. So far, three cases have been reported to the Mongkok Police alone.

The letters were signed "guerrilla of the East River Column."

The police would appreciate their help if shop-owners would contact them immediately they receive these letters.

It was learnt that the letters were delivered by messengers.

V.R.C. MEETING

Plans for temporary repairs to the Victoria Recreation Club club-house and swimming pool were discussed at a general meeting held in Davis House yesterday. The club-house is at present requisitioned by Government and was badly damaged during the Japanese occupation.

At present prices, a considerable sum is required to rebuild the club-house, the roof of which was completely wrecked. The swimming pool was half full of rubbish. It was suggested that thatching and wooden partitions would be sufficient temporary repairs to enable the club premises to be used once more.

The financial situation of the club is good, it was announced. There was a balance from the pre-war account of \$17,000, while the new account is in the neighbourhood of \$700.

A working committee, which will endeavour to get a bank loan, was elected, consisting of Mr. A. O. Barreto, chairman; Mr. A. Sales, hon. sec.; Mr. E. da Roza, hon. treas.; and Messrs. L. Roza Pereira (who took the chair yesterday's meeting) and C. M. Xavier.

It was also decided to continue with the old monthly subscription of \$3 and the hope was expressed that the club might be able to use its premises in the near future.

Money Mart

Speculation in Chinese national currency futures yesterday caused rates to fluctuate between \$2.00 and \$2.10 per CN\$1.00 and at the close it was quoted at \$2.12.

Spot transaction were, however, steady and the rate was more or less stationary at \$2.30. Gold fluctuated between \$417 and \$429 per tael, and closed at \$427.

U.S. dollars, after weakening the previous day, retained strength and yesterday had buyers at \$5.20 for big notes and \$5.18 for small. English Sterling and Australian pounds also advanced and had buyers at \$17.10 and \$12.60 respectively.

ASSAULTED CHILD

A young Chinese woman, Chan Mu, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Mr. George She at the Summary Military Court yesterday for assaulting a 6-year-old girl Loung Lin, at No. 1, New Street.

It was alleged that accused beat up the girl, who was not adopted daughter, and that the girl was detained in hospital.

Accused was arrested when some one informed the Police.

She was also ordered to pay \$100 compensation to the child, and deprived of custody of the child.

For stealing five table cloths from the Toc H. Service Club in the early morning of April 29, Ip Mo was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday. Inspector Askew prosecuted.

More Charges Of Treason

Govt. Servants Committed For Trial

ANOTHER BATCH OF NINE PERSONS, INCLUDING A CHINESE WOMAN, WERE BROUGHT BEFORE MR. GEORGE SHE AT THE SUMMARY MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON CHARGED WITH BREACHES OF THE DEFENCE REGULATIONS OR HIGH TREASON.

Lau Yu-en-chau, 25, store assistant, was charged with High Treason, that on or about Jan. 16, 1945, at Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, whilst being then to wit, on the said day a person owing allegiance to our Lord the King, Emperor against our Lord the King and his subjects and the said Allied States, did traitorously adhere to and aid and comfort the said enemies in parts beyond the seas without this realm of England, to wit, the Colony of Hong Kong and its Dependencies.

Over acts of the alleged treason were 1, on or about Jan. 16, 1945, in the Colony of Hong Kong, aiding, assailing and taking part in the arrest of So Shu-kuen, being a person loyal to the King and being a person giving aid and refuge in the Colony of Hong Kong to a member of the armed forces of an Allied State, to wit, an Allied airman, thereby permanently depriving the King of the likely assistance of the said So Shu-kuen in the prosecution of the said war.

3, on or about Jan. 16, aiding and taking part in the arrest of an Allied airman.

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EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT

How Changchun Fell To Communists

Authority Challenged

Tokyo, Apr. 30. The authority of the International War Crimes Tribunal to try 28 major Japanese war criminals accused of an aggressive war, will be challenged as a strong part of the Japanese defense.

This was asserted today by Ichiro Kiyose, chief counsel of former Premier Hideki Tojo.

Pointing out that Japan surrendered conditionally under the terms of the Potsdam Declaration, the 62-year-old defense chief cited the Potsdam clause that "stern justice should be meted out to all war criminals including those who have visited cruelties upon our personnel."

He claimed that the conception of planning aggressive warfare appeared only in the Nuremberg trials and Japan did not agree to be judged on that basis when accepting the surrender.—Associated Press.

Malay Union Suggested

Singapore, Apr. 30. Eight Malayan Sultans today proposed that they join the Sultan of Johore, now visiting in London, and present to King George and the British Government a plan for Malayan Union. The plan would be suggested as an alternative to British proposals for writing a new Malayan Constitution.

Rulers of some Malayan States have opposed the British plan.

Authoritative sources said the Sultans would propose federation of all Malayan States, creation of a central body to decide on matters of common interest and local autonomy for each State with Sultans retaining their pre-war powers.—Associated Press.

RAIN IN SZECHWAN

Chungking, Apr. 29. General rains over Szechwan Province has given promise that some relief from the severe drought which is threatening one of China's most important food producing areas is forthcoming.

Agricultural experts said, however, that unless the rains continue for several days there is still a serious danger that this year's crop will be lost.—Associated Press.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

MAIL NOTICE

OUTWARD MAILS

Macao & Tsinsian	Kwong Fook Cheung	9.00 a.m.
Kongmooon	On Wah	9.00 a.m.
Holbow	Wing Hing	10.00 a.m.
Bharsal	Foochow	10.00 a.m.
Manila, P.I.	William Meredith	10.00 a.m.
Straits	Erin	10.00 a.m.
Teamkong (Kwongchow Wan)	Aug Fec	11.00 a.m.
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Bangkok & Saigon	(Reg.) 80/4	6.00 p.m.
Kongmooon	By Air	(Ord.) 1/5
Canton	Nan Foon F- Fathan	Noon
		4.00 p.m.
Thursday, 2nd May.		
Macao & Tsinsian	Kwong Sai	9.00 a.m.
Kongmooon	Tai Hing	9.00 a.m.
Teamkong (Kwongchow Wan)	Tai Ho Cheung	10.00 a.m.
Bangkok	Ninghai	10.00 a.m.
Wuchow (Kwongai Province)	Wing Sing	3.00 p.m.
Airmail for Canton, Chungking & Kunming	C.N.A.C. Plane	3.15 p.m.
Canton	(Reg.)	3.30 p.m.
	By Train	4.00 p.m.
Friday, 3rd May.		
Macao & Tsinsian	Kwong Fook Cheung	9.00 a.m.
Holbow	Wing Lee	10.00 a.m.
Straits & Bangkok	Hermelin	Noon
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Rangoon, Singapore, Sydney & & Auckland	(Reg.)	1.45 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East & South Africa & Egypt	By Air	2.00 p.m.
Canton	Maitine Flier	3.00 p.m.
	Sai On	4.00 p.m.
Saturday, 4th May.		
Macao & Tsinsian	Mabato	10.00 a.m.
Kongmooon	Halyang	Noon
Airmail for Canton & Shanghai	C.N.A.C. Plane	1.15 p.m.
Canton	(Reg.)	3.30 p.m.
	Kwongtung	4.00 p.m.
Sunday, 5th May.		
Macao & Bangkok	Edna	10.00 a.m.
Manila, P.I.	Flying Mist	Noon
Airmail for Canton & Shanghai	(Reg.)	2.30 p.m.
Canton	Monday, 6th May.	2.45 p.m.
	Empire Joy	3.00 p.m.
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Durban, Rangoon, Singapore, Sydney & Auckland	(Reg.)	4.45 p.m.
Airmail for Canton & Holbow	C.N.A.C. Plane	5.00 p.m.
Tuesday, 7th May.		
Swatow & Amoy	Anhui	10.00 a.m.

Nanking, Apr. 30. General George O. Marshall,

DRINK TAKEN

Bombay Apr. 30. Two sailors who were charged here with being drunk and disorderly told the magistrate "We are not used to the whisky sold in Bombay."

The men, who said they wanted to get back to their ships, were sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment, which meant their release at the rising of the court.—Reuters.

GEN. WATCHED MURDER

Manila, Apr. 30. A Samurial sword beheaded an unidentified blonde American airman while Lieutenant-General Tikeshi Kono looked on, said a witness at the War Crimes Trial of the former Japanese commander of Panay Island today.

The witness was Junito Diaz of Bacolod, Negros Island, who said the slaying occurred in the middle of April in 1945, near Kono's headquarters on Negros Island to which Kono's forces retreated and held out until last August.

Diaz, who was a supply carrier who was forced into labour by the Japanese, said that the American was the sole survivor of a four engined bomber that was shot down over Negros Island. He testified that he witnessed the brutalities preceding the execution.

The trial of Kono neared the close with the testimony of Governor Fermín Caramo of Iloilo Province of Panay Island, who estimated that between 25 and 30 Filipinos civilians were indiscriminately slaughtered by Kono's men, and stated that defendant, Kono, had repeatedly ignored his appeals to intervene on behalf of his people.—Associated Press.

Mistake

Chungking, Apr. 30.

The Chinese Communist Party, through its "New China Daily News", today admitted that it charged that United States planes had strafed the Communist lines in Manchuria, was a mistake.

The paper said the charge resulted from the National Government's use of non-permanent paint covering the markings of aircraft purchased from the United States.

The statement followed an explanation by General George C. Marshall denying the Communist assertion that American planes had strafed Communist lines.—Associated Press.

Manchuria Crisis Continues

CHUNCKING, APRIL 30. INFORMED CHINESE SOURCES SAID TODAY THAT GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK, GENERAL CHOW EN-LAI AND PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN'S SPECIAL ENVOY TO CHINA, GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL, HAVE FAILED TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON HOW TO HALT THE MANCHURIAN FIGHTING AND NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEING TRANSFERRED TO NANKING FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.

GENERAL MARSHALL IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE HERE TOMORROW, GENERAL CHOU DURING THE WEEK AND THE GENERALISSIMO PROBABLY AT THE END OF THIS WEEK.

General Marshall's headquarters have remained silent as to the progress of the negotiations, but Chinese sources said that Generalissimo Chiang has rejected the Democratic League formula for a truce in Manchuria and leaving Chinese Communists in control of both Harbin and Changchun.

These sources said that the Generalissimo is depending on his armies to reconquer Changchun before agreeing to a truce. General Marshall met General Chou this morning and later on in the day conferred with Generalissimo Chiang.

There is still a possibility that the negotiations may be successful and the negotiators reach an acceptable plan, before leaving Chungking, since General Marshall is spending every available minute in conference with one or the other of the leaders of China's warring factions.

Shantung Blockade. National forces in Shantung Province are only holding a dozen places, according to reports received in Peiping. They include Tainan, Yenchow, Tainan, Liao-cheng, Changtien and Chowtsau.

All of these cities contain millions of war refugees who are badly in need of food and foodstuffs. They have been blockaded for over three months by Chinese Communists that are estimated to be about 400,000 in strength and are mostly deployed along the railroads.—Associated Press.

Marshall Proposes. A "Ta Kung Pao" dispatch from the wartime capital said the meeting between Generalissimo Chiang, Marshall and Chou indicated that an armistice was in the making.—Associated Press.

MOSCOW HINTS AT NEW "SUEZ"

London, April 30. British official circles yesterday described as "not worth discussing" rumours said to be in circulation in Cairo that the British Government is planning to remove troops from their present stations in Egypt and to garrison them east of the Suez Canal until a new artificial waterway connecting the Mediterranean with the Red Sea has been built.

These rumours were reported by the "Tass" news agency, quoting a Cairo source and broadcast by Moscow radio.

Whilst governmental circles are reluctant during the course of the present negotiations for revision of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty to comment on matters so intimately touching the matters under discussion, there is considerable scepticism among political observers that any such project has been considered.

The construction of a canal from a point on the coast of Palestine to Aqaba at the northern most tip of the gulf of that name, which leads into the Red Sea, has been advanced more than once in the past as an engineering possibility, but observers point out that complex political considerations as well as the cost of such a scheme render it impossible.

Such a canal, it is pointed out, would be something over 150 miles in length, compared with the 100 miles of the Suez Canal.—Associated Press.

NEW GERMAN PARTY

Frankfurt, April 30. Germany's fast-growing new political party, the right-of-centre Christian Social Union, won an overwhelming victory in the county council elections in the American Zone, today, which was marred by rioting and pro-Nazi activity.

The paper said the election results reflected the National Government's use of non-permanent paint covering the markings of aircraft purchased from the United States.

The statement followed an explanation by General George C. Marshall denying the Communist assertion that American planes had strafed Communist lines.—Associated Press.

Six persons were reported to be still in hospital out of the 18 persons who were treated for stab wounds and beatings in the riot which was finally quelled by American soldiers.

A search is underway for two Jewish guards whose disappearance prompted the displaced persons' rush of the German polls after the report that the missing Jewish civilian guards were murdered by civilian guards, had circulated throughout the district.

Rural voters in staunchly Catholic Bavaria gave the Christian Social Union its big total of 1,779,000 votes to the Social-Democrats' 938,000, by over-riding the majority votes that the latter had obtained in the more industrialized Greater Hesse.—Associated Press.

Flour, Not Syrups

New York, Apr. 30.

A donation of 1,000,000 lb. of flour to U.N.R.R.A. by the United States Distillers of America, Ltd., was announced yesterday by the firm's president, Dr. Arthur Hammer.

Dr. Hammer said he witnessed "terrible famine in Russia" as a relief worker after the first world war. He said the flour was part of the Department of Agriculture's allocation to his company for making sugar syrup at the firm's Baltimore, Maryland plant, but he added,

"(3) Reorganization of the Manchurian troops under an army reform programme.

"(4) Discontinuance of use of United States ships transferring Nationalist troops to Manchuria, excepting for territorial recovery purposes. The revamped Manchurian troops would be stationed in areas to be determined by the Marshall three-man commission.

Within Hours? The attached memorandum provided for the evacuation of United States troops from North China to be replaced by two divisions of Nationalist troops.

It was predicted here that a cease fire agreement to halt the conflict would be announced in Chungking within a matter of hours.

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N. A. NORONHA, Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 26 OF 1946

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Chart affected:—No. 3279.

Authority:—Harbour Master. A. S. D. RYDER, Harbour Master.

Harbour Dept.

Hong Kong, April 29, 1946.

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Hong Kong, April 30, 1946.

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A NOTIFICATION TO THIS EFFECT HAS ALSO BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE OF 28TH APRIL, 1946.

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HONG KONG, APRIL 28, 1946.

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POLAND CUTS BREAD

Edward Iwaskiewicz, chief of the economic section of the Ministry of Food and Trade, announced yesterday that bread consumption would have to be drastically reduced probably from 300 to 200 grams daily per person by May 1.

Iwaskiewicz told U.N.R.R.A. officials that the supply of bread after the end of April will depend almost entirely on imports. —Associated Press

Paris Talks Reach First Critical Test

(By HAROLD KING)

PARIS, APRIL 30. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE TODAY REACHED ITS FIRST CRITICAL TEST AS THE BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. ERNEST BEVIN, FRESHLY RETURNED FROM LONDON AND ARMED WITH THE BACKING OF THE DOMINION PRIME MINISTERS TO OPPOSE RUSSIA'S CLAIMS TO SOLITARY TRUSTEESHIP OVER THE ITALIAN NORTH AFRICAN COLONY OF TRIPOLITANIA, SAT DOWN FOR THE FIFTH SESSION WITH HIS AMERICAN, RUSSIAN AND FRENCH COLLEAGUES.

THE BRITISH ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE RUSSIAN CLAIM FINDS QUALIFIED SUPPORT OF THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER, M. GEORGES BIDAL, WHO FAVOURS INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEESHIP FOR TRIPOLITANIA, BUT WANTS ITALY TO BE THE TRUSTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

During a three-hour private talk with Mr. Molotov (Russia), lasting till midnight last night, Mr. James Byrnes (United States) is understood to have put out feelers about a possible compromise that the Russians might be willing to accept on Tripolitania.

Unconfirmed rumour in conference circles mentions the possibility of letting Yugoslavia have Trieste in return for Russia abandoning her demand for trusteeship over Tripolitania.

Each of the four Foreign Ministers made their views known today, but no decision has yet been taken on the question of Italy's colonies. The rest of today's discussion dealt with the Dodecanese Islands and Germany and Austria.

Both Britain and the Soviet Union have radically modified their standpoints taken last September on the question of the disposal of the Italian colonies. This became apparent today when Mr. Byrnes, who gave a broad outline of the American plan announced in London last September for international trusteeship for Italy's colonies, was followed by M. Bidault, Mr. Molotov and Mr. Bevin.

Wafered Down

Mr. Molotov watered down Russia's flat claim for sole trusteeship of Tripolitania. The Soviet Union now proposes that Tripolitania and Cyrenaica should both be administered under trusteeship, but in the case of Tripolitania under Russian administration, with an Italian deputy, supported by an international advisory committee, including American, British and French representatives and two local representatives of the population. Russia proposes the same form of administration for Cyrenaica, suggesting a United States or British administration.

Mr. Bevin recalled that Italy's North African territories were conquered early in the war by British, Indian and Dominion troops, had had since been under efficient British military administration. He also stressed that they ran along the lifeline of British Commonwealth communications. Mr. Bevin then made a revolutionary proposal favouring immediate independence, both Tripolitania and Cyrenaica united into a single state.

Libyan Appeal

He recalled Britain's pledges given to the Arab tribes, including the Senusis, never to return Tripolitania and Cyrenaica to Italy. It is known that in the last few days the British Government had received a moving appeal from the Libyan population not to go back on the pledges given.

Mr. Bevin is understood not to have made any definite proposal as to how Libyan independence should be put into effect, particularly in view of the fact that the U.N.O. Trusteeship Council has not yet been set up.

Two obvious preliminary steps would be necessary. Italy would have to renounce formally her claim to her former colonies, and steps would have to be agreed to promote a united administration in Tripolitania and Cyrenaica.

Turning to the colonies further east, Mr. Bevin reminded the conference of Abyssinia's claims to Eritrea. The British view is that before any decision can be taken, an international inquiry should be made. Britain's proposals both for Eritrea and Italian Somaliland are governed largely by economic considerations and aim at raising the standard of living of the inhabitants.

The Council members of the present Abyssinian "autonomous" cabinet are expected to become heads of the various administrative departments in the

council. The matter is being kept on the agenda of the present session and will probably come up again when the various delegations have had time to digest today's statements.

The Dodecanese Islands were discussed briefly on Mr. Bevin's initiative. France and the United States agreed to his suggestion that the islands be returned to Greece. —Reuter.

Reparations Export

London, April 30. Sir David Waley, senior Treasury official and an expert on reparations, is reliably understood to have travelled to Paris with Mr. Ernest Bevin this afternoon.

Mr. Bevin was also accompanied by his wife. Sir David Waley will be the British representative on the expert committee set up by the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers, which is to prepare recommendations on Italy's capacity to pay reparations. —Reuter.

Italians Uncasy

Rome, April 30. Premier Alcide Degasperi today wired the Foreign Ministers Council that press reports from Paris regarding reparations "are causing profound uneasiness in all sections of Italian public opinion."

He asked that Italian experts be heard by Allied Naval and reparations committees and that finally the Italian Government be allowed to express its own point of view before any definite decisions are taken.

"Two years of war fought with extreme loyalty at the side of the United Nations justify our expectations," Degasperi added. —Associated Press.

Six persons were reported still in hospital after 18 were rushed there for stab wounds and beatings in a riot which finally was quelled by American soldiers. —Associated Press.

Honolulu, April 30. General Dwight D. Eisenhower, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, arrived here today. He plans to spend two days here. —Associated Press.

Teheran Talks With Rebels Started

Teheran, April 30. Preliminary talks between the mission led by Jasfar Pishavari, "Primo Minister" of Azerbaijan, and the Iranian Government on the future of the province are believed to have begun today.

Everything points to a desire on both sides for a speedy settlement. There have been various comings and goings today between a villa outside Teheran, where the mission is staying, and the capital.

It appears that Dr. Pishavari and his colleagues have given very serious consideration to the seven-point proposal which the Iranian Government recently approved for giving Azerbaijan partial autonomy.

The mission, which arrived in Teheran yesterday, was up till late last night, talking things over with emissaries from Ghavam Es Sultan, Iranian Premier. Some reports suggest that the Central Government's proposal is acceptable to Dr. Pishavari, and that this is the reason for his visit to Teheran. Others suggest that he came to the capital in full realisation of his strong position in order to ask for a greater degree of autonomy.

The negotiations were expected to be concluded within a week, both parties stated today. That would mean that a result would be known before May 1, the date by which Russian troops were due to evacuate Iran completely. It is also the date set by the U.N.O. Security Council for further consideration of the Iranian situation.

The Iranian press said today that the Soviet Embassy has informed the Iranian Government that Soviet troops would evacuate Azerbaijan before the stipulated date.

The Council members of the present Azerbaijan "autonomous" cabinet are expected to become heads of the various administrative departments in the

country. —Reuter.

London, April 30. A company of 20 Japanese and Balinese dancers are coming over from Holland next month to perform in England.

The dancers were students in Holland at the outbreak of war and most of them were in Dutch resistance movement. —Reuter.

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Airmen Plead For Mihailovich

Washington, April 29. Fifteen American and two Canadian fliers arrived by plane here today to urge official American intervention on behalf of General Draja Mihailovich, the Yugoslav guerrilla leader charged with treason in Belgrade.

They brought with them a memorandum for President Harry Truman, demanding fair trial and the right to testify. The fliers are among the Allied airmen who were rescued by Mihailovich's troops after being forced to parachute into Yugoslavia during wartime bombing missions. —Associated Press.

Capsized Ship Mystery Unsolved

Bridlington, April 30.

An inquest was held here today on two members of the crew of the Dutch motorship Thea, who were lost when the ship capsized in Bridlington Bay on Saturday night. Medical evidence said that the two men died of exposure and not by drowning.

The captain of the ship, Jan Bergsma of Terschelling, said he could give no idea why the ship capsized.

He said they did not strike anything and although there was a fresh wind it was not a gale and had nothing to do with the disaster.

The ship listed to starboard as they were entering Bridlington Bay because of bad visibility. She continued to list to starboard and never regained an even keel.

Captain Bergsma said that he saw the two lost men jump off the ship into the water. —Reuter.

Girl Stowaway On Transport

New York, April 30.

The United States army transport Vulcain, docked today from Naples with eleven stowaways aboard. Ten of them were men, the other was 16-year-old Ida Murelo who recently lived in a Naples convent.

She told reporters her father was killed while serving with the Italian air force in North Africa in 1940, and her mother died during an allied raid on Naples.

Ida said she hoped to get to the home of a relative living in Saginaw, Michigan. —Associated Press.

New York, April 30.

Andre Gromyko, Soviet Russia's permanent delegate to the United Nations Security Council, has been appointed Russian representative on the United Nations atomic energy commission.

The Russian delegation, which was officially announced here today, —Associated Press.

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BRIDGE NOTES

Turnabout it fair play, according
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a defender, a weapon usually employed by the Dealer:

North, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

B. 10 5
H. A. 10 8 5 2
D. Q. 7
C. A. K. 8 3

B. K. 9 3
H. K. 10 4
D. K. 8 2
C. J. 9 5 2

B. A. 8 2
H. 7 8
D. A. J. 10 9 4 3
C. 10 6

The bidding: North East South West
1st Pass 2D Pass
2nd Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass
South's contract was ambitious, it must be admitted, but it would have been fulfilled if the diamond King had been located in the East hand or if the defence had made a not improbable mistake.

West opened the King of spades, East playing the encouraging seven, and South won at once with the spade Ace. A holdup of the spade Ace, South reasoned, was pointless since the contract hinged on the diamond finesse. If it succeeded, no spade holdup was necessary; if the finesse failed, West would gain the lead to run his spades in spite of any holdup by South.

Dealer next led a club to dummy's King and returned the Queen of diamonds for a finesse.

It was at this point that West decided turnabout was fair play. He simply refused to win the first diamond trick with his King.

The play was simple enough but the effect was devastating. Dealer led another diamond from the dummy, finessing again (for West had refused the trick without telltale hesitation). West accepted the trick this time and South was unable ever again to get back to his own hand. Good management enabled him to win six tricks—but it's a pretty sad business when you have to play carefully to be set only three tricks!

Note particularly that South would have made his contract if West had taken the first diamond trick. The defence could take three spades and the diamond King, but South would make game with five diamonds, three side Aces, and the club King.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and with neither side vulnerable, you held:

S. A. J. 9 3
H. K. 10 4
D. K. 5
C. J. 9 8 7

The bidding: Schenken Jacob You Maler
1st Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid one spade. The hearts are not strong enough for a double raise, the hand is not quite strong enough for a jump to two no-trump, and there is no good reason to suppress the spades in any event.

Score 100 per cent for one no-spade, 30 per cent for two no-trump, 20 per cent for either two or three hearts.

Question: Today you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken Jacob You Maler
1st Pass 1S Pass
2D Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer Tomorrow.)

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, Apr. 29.
Wheat (pounds per bushel):

July \$1.83^{1/2} 1st \$1.83^{1/2} 2nd \$1.83^{1/2}
December \$1.83^{1/2} May \$1.83^{1/2}

Buckwheat: May \$1.26^{1/2} July \$1.26^{1/2}

September \$1.26^{1/2} December \$1.26^{1/2}

Corn: May \$1.21^{1/2} July \$1.21^{1/2}

September \$0.83 July \$0.83

Oats: May \$0.80^{1/2} December \$0.80^{1/2}

September \$0.80^{1/2} December \$0.80^{1/2}

Rye: May \$2.52^{1/2} July \$1.48^{1/2}

September \$1.48^{1/2} December \$1.48^{1/2}

Associated Press.

AMERICAN COTTON

New York, Apr. 29.

Cotton: May \$27.70^{1/2} July \$27.85^{1/2}

October \$27.84^{1/2} December \$27.85^{1/2}

Midland Sport \$28.41

New Orleans Cotton: May \$27.70^{1/2} July \$27.74

October \$27.70^{1/2} December \$27.70^{1/2}

Midland Sport \$28.41

Associated Press.

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Pipeline Credit
Running Out

Washington, Apr. 30.

British officials in Washington
tonight disclosed that the
\$650,000,000 "pipeline credit"
with which the United Kingdom
has been financing most of its imports from the United
States—since last November,
has just about run out."

As a result, British purchasing
missions are now being
forced to dip liberally into gold
and dollar balances in making
cash payments for materials
still flowing continuously across
the Atlantic. Although the
Dollar Pool—at the last es-
timates it was reported to con-
tain some \$1,800,000,000—is
being fed with income from
British exports to the United
States, it is gradually shrink-
ing.

While a serious view is not
yet taken, it is realised that a
grave situation as regards
British dollar resources might
develop if the Anglo-American
Loan ratification were delayed
until the autumn.—Reuter

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U.N.O. AND SPAIN Charges To Be Investigated Russia Abstains From Voting

CRIME WAVE

Berlin, Apr. 30.
Along the Czech-Hungarian frontier, 19 Germans have been kidnapped, robbed and then released in the past two weeks, while two others are missing, it was reported yesterday.

The zone director of public safety, Colonel Orlando W. Wilson, said the Czech bands numbered up to 40 men. German police are under strict orders not to fire on Allied uniformed personnel.—Associated Press.

U.S. READY TO PLAY HER PART

Paris, April 30.
Secretary of State James Byrnes said last night that he proposed a four-power 25-year mutual assistance pact to insure demilitarization of Germany. If it is ratified by the United States Senate and the other three powers participating (France, Britain and Russia) the pact will commit the United States to participate in European security with American armed forces, for at least a quarter of a century, after the end of the present military occupation of Germany.

Byrnes said that Stalin supported the idea for a four-power treaty when he discussed the matter with him in Moscow last Christmas. Byrnes stated that he therefore proposed the treaty draft as a result of Stalin's support and his own strong belief in the proposal.

Byrnes' proposal was advanced as the Foreign Ministers Council placed the whole German question on its agenda and opened negotiations on the disposal of the Italian Empire. The United States long-range policy on Germany and European security was detailed by Byrnes at a press conference after the Council had concluded a five hour session—its longest to date.

A provision for a mutual assistance pact was contained in the treaty draft which would provide for a system of quadripartite inspection of Germany to ascertain that German armed forces were "completely disarmed, demobilized and disbanded" and also of the German general staffs and

THE SECURITY COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING TODAY, WITH RUSSIA ABSTAINING FROM VOTING, ADOPTED A COMPROMISE SOLUTION SETTING UP A SUB-COMMITTEE OF FIVE MEMBERS TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES AGAINST GENERAL FRANCISCO FRANCO'S GOVERNMENT IN SPAIN. TEN AFFIRMATIVE VOTES WERE CAST. THE RUSSIAN DELEGATE, ANDREI GROMYKO, KEPT HIS HAND DOWN WHEN THE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THE SUB-COMMITTEE TO REPORT BY MAY 31.

The Chairman then named Australia, Brazil, China, France and Poland as members of the sub-committee.

Gromyko had made it clear that the Russians regard the matter already a question of substance instead of one of procedure but that they do not choose now to invoke the veto power. He said if he had voted against the Australian proposal it would make it impossible to pass it. Indicating that he regarded it as a substantive matter even in this stage, "this abstaining from voting does not in any way constitute a precedent," he said.

other organisations such as the SS and Gestapo and that no military equipment is being manufactured or imported.

Plan For Japan

Byrnes said he drafted a similar treaty for submission to the Pacific Powers with respect to Japan, but declined to comment because it is still undiscussed with the Pacific Powers. Byrnes emphasized that the proposed four-power treaties concerning Germany and Japan were to be entirely separate from peace treaties with Germany and Japan.

The United Nations Charter provides specific authority for agreements of this nature and could be renewed for another 25 years. Although Foreign Ministers Bevin and Bidault supported Byrnes' proposal to have the proposed treaty inserted in the conference agenda, Russian Minister Molotov demurred.

Molotov agreed to a discussion of overall German problems but declared that the treaty was "looking too far ahead" and suggested a commission of inspection to determine to what extent Germany has already been disarmed. Both Bevin and Byrnes replied that the Allied Control Commission is already functioning along those lines. The issue was left unsettled when Byrnes asked for an adjournment of the Council for the night.—Associated Press.

Hitler: "Stalin Is The Man I Worship"

NUERNBERG, April 30.
JULIUS STREICHER TODAY DENIED ANTI-JEWISH ATROCITIES WHEN GIVING EVIDENCE IN HIS OWN DEFENCE BEFORE THE NUERNBERG WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL.

HE CLAIMED THAT IF MARTIN LUTHER WERE ALIVE, HE WOULD BE IN THE DOCK BESIDE HIM. "LUTHER WAS VERY BRUTAL ABOUT JEWS AND THEIR LIES," STREICHER SAID. "HE WROTE THAT JEWS WERE SNAKES AND SHOULD BE BURNED AND DESTROYED. I ONLY WANT TO EXPLAIN THAT ANTI-JEWISH WRITINGS HAVE EXISTED IN GERMANY FOR A LONG TIME".

Streicher declared that in 20 years of leading article writing, he never once incited people to murder Jews or burn their houses. He added, "Why are Jews in Germany safe? There was no murder, no pogroms and if Jews were killed anywhere, it was not through my incitement. The Führer in his last testimony said the mass extermination of Jews was reprisal, so I am not to blame for these incredible measures."

"Hitler gave anti-Jewish orders and everyone who received orders acted. The Führer by prototized everyone to act. Perhaps fate has been kind to me, for I never received orders to kill. Once during the war I

received a letter from Himmler stating that I was being too humane to French war prisoners."

Streicher quoted Hitler as saying, "Stalin is the man whom I worship." At the same time, he said, Hitler told him that Stalin was "surrounded by Jewish leaders."

Several times in the course of the proceedings, Lord Justice Lawrence, President of the Tribunal, admonished Streicher for irrelevant speeches from the witness box.

With tears in her eyes, she spoke of the death pact which Julius and she wanted to make. Answering counsel's question "How did you come to marry defendant in April, 1945?" Frau Streicher said: "We wanted to leave our farm and take part in the battle for Nuremberg. I wanted to accompany him. We wanted to die together. But first he wanted to give me his name."—Associated Press.

Eye On Wife

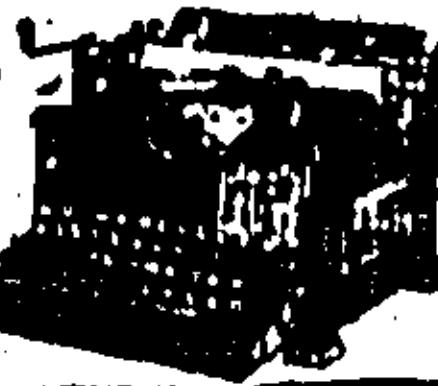
He told him, "If you are in solvent, we shall not proceed to hear you." Mr. Justice Jackson,

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SPORTS SECTION

Football Season Reviewed

(BY REFEREE)

WELL AND TRULY BEATEN BY 44 R.M. COMMANDOS IN THE OPENING GAME OF THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE BY 6 GOALS TO 1, AND HELD TO A DRAW BY AN EXPERIMENTAL NAVY "B" TEAM THE FOLLOWING WEEK, ROYAL AIR FORCE, CHAMPIONS OF THE REHABILITATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE DID NOT START THE COMPETITION VERY AUSTRIOUSLY.

BUT THEREAFTER R.A.F. PLAYED STEADILY ON AND IN SPITE OF MANY CHANGES FROM WEEK TO WEEK, OWING TO INJURIES, DEPARTURES AND OTHER CAUSES WON THEIR GAMES ALTHOUGH IN MOST CASES BY VERY SMALL MARGINS.

Early in March R.A.F. unexpectedly came into the running for the championship when they deservedly beat South China by two goals down at the interval and finishing with only nine players.

Air Force went down badly to 44 R.M. Commandos in the Shield competition but the team rose to great heights, a fortnight later, when they beat Eastern by 2-1 thus, not only dashing all Eastern's championship hopes to the ground, but assuring themselves of at least the runners-up position.

Outstanding Players

The drawn game between Navy "B" and 44 R.M. Commandos gave them the title by one point.

Like all service teams, the Air Force side which finished the League very different from that which commenced in January, but throughout the season they have had some outstanding players and a number have been chosen for representative games. Swinford, Brown, Smith, Stoker, McCrory, Hanlon are among those chosen and it is fitting that the interport team against Canton should have been captained by an R.A.F. player, Smith, their present pivot.

Primarily responsible for the selection and training of the Navy's teams, do in a great favourite with the players. He has also been of great assistance to officials and players of non-service teams and the presentation recently by the Chinso clubs as a token of gratitude was no perfunctory gesture.

The Babe's Still Waiting

New York, April 28.

Babe Ruth former home run king, and that he expected to fly to Mexico City on May 8 to spend a few weeks there at the invitation of Jorge Pasquel, president of the Mexican Baseball League, but that all his plans are waiting for his meeting with Pasquel's representative here.

Pasquel said his representative would get in touch with me, but I have been waiting for two days now to hear from him," Ruth said.

Commenting on reports that he would confer with Pasquel regarding an executive position in the Mexican League, Ruth said: "I know nothing about that." He referred to his proposed trip as a visit on which he would "look around."—Associated Press.

U.S. Baseball

New York, April 30.

Bad weather caused postponement of the battle between the Cleveland Indians and the New York Yankees, the only game scheduled in both major leagues Monday.

Meanwhile, pennant-starved Boston, which has not boasted a championship team since 1918, has good reason for dreaming of its first flag-winner in 28 years and with a little luck could possibly be the centre of an all-city world series next October.

Both the Boston clubs swept their double-headers Sunday to change the pennant pictures. A

coup-de-grace engineered by the Red Sox placed Joe Cronin's hopefuls at the top of the American League, a full game in front of the New York Yankees. The Braves were in third place in the National League after their fourth consecutive victory, only one game behind the front-running Brooklyn Dodgers and St. Louis.

Boston fans are keeping their fingers crossed, hoping the Braves' Mort Cooper can come up with another 20-game season.

As for the Red Sox, nothing less than a first-place finish will satisfy the fans of The Hub.—Associated Press.

SOCCER PROS. PAY INCREASE

London, April 30.

Football League clubs increased the wages of professional soccer players yesterday, voting a maximum weekly pay of £10, a rise of £1 during the season.

The maximum wage between seasons was increased to £7 10s.

The league also increased by £100 to £750 the maximum benefit paid to players as a bonus for remaining with one club five years.—Associated Press.

International Football

London, April 30.

The meeting here today of four British soccer associations and the International Football Federation (FIFA) almost healed the breach between these bodies which has existed since 1928.

After the conference, the delegates of the English Football Association decided to recommend to their council that it rejoins the FIFA. It is understood that the other British associations—Scotland, Ireland and Wales—will similarly advise their councils or committees.

Britain acceded from the FIFA 18 years ago on the question of "broken time" payment to amateur players.—Reuter.

ARSENAL'S COMMENT

London, April 30.

Commenting on a report from Moscow radio that the Russian radio reporter Sinyavsky has been "sacked" from his position as the Moscow Dynamos commentator, the Arsenal football club manager Mr. George Allison said hero tonight: "Action of this irresponsible official has apparently met with obvious disapproval, which it deserved. It is gratifying to know that the Russian officials recognise that the erroneous statement should never have been made, and that the penalty meets with the approval of the Soviet sporting press."

Among the allegations made by Sinyavsky in a recent article on the Dynamos' tour of England, was one that, after their fourth goal against the Arsenal, Allison faints because he had a large bet on the match.—Reuter.

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2.30 p.m.—"Grazioso and His Orchestra".

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—Jack Benny Programme.

7.30 p.m.—Variety Programme.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

8.15 p.m.—"Melody Lingers On"—ENSA.

8.30 p.m.—Classical Request Hour.

8.40 p.m.—Dance Music.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

10.05 p.m.—"Some Wistful Compositions".

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10.30 p.m.—Webster Booth (Tenor) and The New Light Symphony Orchestra.

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